

# More Information on Project Implementation & the 45th Ward Participatory Budgeting Process

Alderman Arena will submit the projects that win the most votes, up to \$1 million, to the City of Chicago and its sister agencies for implementation. All the projects listed on the ballot are feasible to the best of our knowledge, yet most require final approval from the City of Chicago or its sister agencies. Thus, while Alderman Arena pledges to request funding and advocate for the winning projects, he cannot guarantee that the government agencies will grant final approval to each and every project request.

Reasons that projects may not be approved include: interference with previously planned projects, legal restrictions, and policy decisions of the governmental entities. **If a winning project cannot be implemented for any reason, Alderman Arena will use the allocated money to fund the next runner-up project that falls within the budget.**

Not all of the funded projects will be completed in the 2018 construction season. Required project approval procedures or construction work by utilities or other agencies may prevent some projects from being completed this year. Funds for projects not completed this year will be held in reserve and used to complete the projects in the following year(s). For up-to-date information on the status of the various projects, contact the 45th Ward Office at 773-286-4545 or email [Leslie.Perkins2@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Leslie.Perkins2@cityofchicago.org).

All projects on the ballot were suggested and vetted by 45th Ward residents. Initial suggestions for projects came out of brainstorming sessions at a series of neighborhood assemblies held throughout the Ward in May 2018 and residents

were also invited to share ideas online, via email, through social media, and at idea boxes throughout ward in May and June 2018. The suggestions were then deliberated and researched by neighborhood residents who volunteered at the neighborhood assemblies to serve as “community representatives.”

From June 2018 through September 2018, the community representatives met regularly in committees to develop project proposals to place on this year’s ballot. The proposals were submitted to 45th Ward staff for final input and review.

Participation in the 45th Ward participatory budgeting process as a community representative and/or suggesting an idea was entirely voluntary and open to all 45th Ward residents regardless of citizenship or voter registration status.

The PB Chicago City-Wide Steering Committee developed the rules and procedures for this process. For a list of all members of the committee, visit [www.pbchicago.com](http://www.pbchicago.com).

Many thanks to the community representatives and the 45th Ward PB leaders and volunteers for their dedication and service to this bold experiment in direct democracy. Also thanks to the many dedicated employees at the City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Transit Authority, the Chicago Public Schools, and the Chicago Department of Transportation for their expertise; and to the PB Chicago City-Wide Steering Committee for their expertise and guidance of the process.



SAMPLE

# Participatory Budgeting in the 45th Ward

# BALLOT

## VOTING ASSEMBLY

Saturday, October 20, 2018  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Jefferson Park Branch Library  
5363 W. Lawrence Ave.

## EARLY VOTING

Monday, October 1 – Friday, October 19  
Ward 45 Office  
4754 N. Milwaukee Ave.  
Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Online Voting Visit: [pb45.org/vote](http://pb45.org/vote)

## VOTING INSTRUCTIONS:

**Please note, you will be asked to vote on two separate ballot questions.**

First, you will be asked to cast one (1) vote on the percentage of the 2018 45th Ward aldermanic menu budget that you believe should be devoted exclusively to street resurfacing. The average of all the votes cast on this question will determine the percentage of the menu budget that will be allocated to street resurfacing.

Second, you will be asked to vote on how the remainder of the 2018 45th Ward menu money should be allocated. You may vote for up to six (6) projects. Only one vote may be cast for each project – no weighted voting. Ballots marked with more than 6 votes are invalid and will be voided. All 45th Ward residents, age 14 and over are eligible to vote.

## HOW TO CAST YOUR VOTES:

Mark boxes clearly with an “X” or check mark, or fully shade them in, with black or blue ink. No ballots marked in pencil will be accepted.

The projects that win the most votes, up to \$1 million, will be submitted to the City of Chicago and its sister agencies for implementation. See the back of the ballot for more details.

**→ BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 1: Street & Alley Resurfacing**

**What percentage of the total budget should go toward street & alley resurfacing?**

Menu money is the only available funding for residential street resurfacing in Chicago's wards. **Thanks to a federal subsidy, the cost for the first five blocks of resurfaced streets is \$43,500 per block.** The average costs for each additional street resurfaced is \$72,000. The cost for the first alley resurfacing is \$31,500, with additional alleys costing \$49,500 each. **(Please select only one.)**

	PERCENTAGE To Be Spent on Streets	COST	ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BLOCKS TO BE RESURFACED
<input type="checkbox"/>	0%	\$0	0 street blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	10%	\$100,000	2 street blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	20%	\$200,000	4 street blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	30%	\$300,000	5 street blocks/2 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	40%	\$400,000	6 street blocks/2 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	50%	\$500,000	7 street blocks/3 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	60%	\$600,000	8 street blocks/3 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	70%	\$700,000	9 street blocks/4 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	80%	\$800,000	10 street blocks/4 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	90%	\$900,000	11 street blocks/4 alleys
<input type="checkbox"/>	100%	\$1,000,000	12 street blocks/5 alleys

Note: Priority residential streets for resurfacing currently include Merrimac from Gunnison to Strong, Edmunds from Central to Lester, Lamon from Carmen to Argyle, Waveland from Tripp to Kedvale, & Argyle from Nagle to Neenah. Additional streets and/or alleys that will be repaired will be determined by the Alderman's office with information submitted by residents & with expert information from the Department of Transportation.

**→ BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 2**

**How should the remaining portion of the 45th Ward menu money be spent?**

You may vote for up to six (6) projects from the projects below. **(Select no more than six.)**

**PARKS**

- 1. AWNING/COVER FOR GLADSTONE PARK BASKETBALL COURT** **\$50,000**  
An awning for the basketball court would allow Park District staff to assist more children & provide a safer environment for camp activities.
- 2. DOG-FRIENDLY AREA AT AUSTIN/FOSTER PARK** **\$100,000**  
Currently, the 45th Ward doesn't have a designated dog-friendly area. Constructing one at Austin-Foster Park will create a safe space for dogs to interact and exercise with one another. Additional funding for the dog-friendly area will be pursued through grant & fundraising opportunities.
- 3. WROUGHT IRON FENCE AT WILSON PARK** **\$50,000**  
Construct a fence along Milwaukee Avenue at Wilson Park to create a safety barrier between the traffic & the park.

**BALLOT QUESTION NUMBER 2 continued**

- 4. COMMUNITY GARDEN START-UP COSTS** **\$15,000/park**  
Parks with an active Parks Advisory Council would be eligible for start-up funds to support a community garden. The funds could be used for garden plots, fencing, & other infrastructure needs.
- 5. IMPROVED PATH WITH PAVER STONES AT ROSEDALE PARK** **\$10,000**  
Improve the walking path from the sidewalk to the Rosedale Park fieldhouse using paver stones.

**PLACEMAKING/STREETScape**

- 6. UPDATED LIGHTING NEAR INDEPENDENCE PARK** **\$525,000**  
Replace the current standard street lights with decorative, aesthetically pleasing lights on Irving Park Road from Pulaski to Elston.
- 7. DECORATIVE TRASH CANS THROUGHOUT THE WARD** **\$25,000**  
Install 16 decorative trash cans throughout the ward in locations that see heavy foot traffic. This will promote cleaner streets & sidewalks & are an effective way to improve the appearance of the neighborhood.
- 8. UPDATED LIGHTING ON MILWAUKEE AVENUE** **\$498,000**  
Replace the current standard street lights with decorative, aesthetically pleasing lights on Milwaukee from the viaduct to Foster.
- 9. COLRED LED LIGHTS UNDER THE MILWAUKEE VIADUCT**  
Install colored LED lights under the viaduct located on North Milwaukee north of the Jefferson Park Transit Center & south of the 16th District station as a placemaking & public safety tool.  
  - Option one \$140,000:** Walkway lighting & infrastructure to support future lighting additions.
  - Option two \$240,000:** Walkway & facade lighting & infrastructure to support future lighting additions.
- 10. PIGGYBACK LIGHTING ON 4600 & 4700-BLOCKS OF N. CENTRAL** **\$166,000**  
Install new "piggyback" pedestrian lights over the sidewalks on the 4600 and 4700-blocks of North Central to improve safety.

**PEDESTRIAN & TRAFFIC SAFETY**

- 11. SIDEWALK REPAIRS THROUGHOUT THE WARD** **\$150,000**  
Fix broken sidewalks throughout the ward based on severity to make them safer for pedestrians. The average cost to replace a block of sidewalks is \$75,000.
- 12. CURB EXTENSION (BUMP-OUT) AT AVONDALE & IRVING PARK** **\$60,000**  
Extend the curbs on the southeast & southwest side of Avondale at Irving Park to increase pedestrian safety & prevent cars from double parking on Avondale.
- 13. CURB EXTENSION (BUMP-OUT) AT LAWRENCE & LINDER** **\$70,000**  
Extend the curbs on the northeast & southeast side of Lawrence at Linder to increase pedestrian safety for those crossing the street to Jefferson Memorial Park.
- 14. CURB EXTENSION (BUMP-OUT) AT BRYN MAWR & MCVICKER** **\$70,000**  
Extend the curbs on the northeast and southeast corners of Bryn Mawr at McVicker to increase pedestrian safety for students walking to Hitch Elementary School.
- 15. CURB EXTENSION (BUMP-OUT) AT FOSTER & LECLAIRE** **\$70,000**  
Extend the curbs on the northwest & southwest corners of Foster at LeClaire to increase pedestrian safety & help prevent cars from illegally passing on the right at the intersection.
- 16. FENCING & LIGHTING NEAR GLADSTONE PARK METRA** **\$70,000**  
Replace the fencing & improve lighting on the path connecting the Gladstone Park Metra to the pedestrian bridge over the Kennedy.